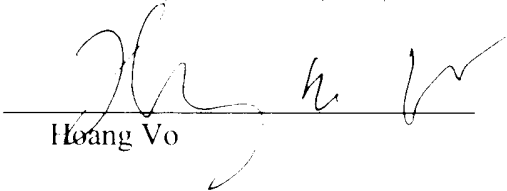




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The Patent Office issued an original Restriction Requirement July 15, 2002, which was responded to on August 15, 2002. On January 15, 2003, the Patent Office issued a second Restriction Requirement, which Applicants respond to below. A Petition for an Extension of Time, through and including June 15, 2003 is attached.

Amendment

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.